

TAHOE REGIONAL PLANNING AGENCY
TRPA RESOLUTION NO. 2023 –

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF LAKE TAHOE WILDFIRE AWARENESS CAMPAIGN,
MAY – OCTOBER, 2023

WHEREAS, wildfire is a growing threat that significantly impacts Lake Tahoe’s environmental, economic, and social well-being; and

WHEREAS, TRPA is a founding member and active partner on the Tahoe Fire and Fuels Team, which includes all local fire protection districts, the states through various agencies including the California Tahoe Conservancy and the Nevada Division of Forestry, the USDA Forest Service, and local governments at Lake Tahoe; and

WHEREAS, in 2021, the 220,000-acre Caldor Fire crossed the Sierra Nevada, burning nearly 10,000 acres in the Tahoe Basin and prompted the evacuation of approximately 30,000 Lake Tahoe residents; and

WHEREAS, partners have worked collaboratively to treat more than 70,000 acres of forest for hazardous fuels reduction since the Angora Wildfire of 2007, and more than 92,000 acres overall; and

WHEREAS, years of coordinated work by property owners and Tahoe Fire and Fuels Team partners to thin forests, create defensible space, harden homes, and prepare for wildfire, combined with the heroic work of firefighters, saved Lake Tahoe communities from the Caldor Fire; and

WHEREAS, residents must prepare to survive future wildfire by ensuring proper management of vegetation surrounding the home and appropriate home construction and maintenance to resist ignition; and

WHEREAS, residents need to work together to prepare their homes and communities to survive wildfire and commit to becoming fire adapted; and

WHEREAS, residents can save precious time in an evacuation by preparing a “go-bag” and family evacuation plan ahead of time;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Tahoe Regional Planning Agency adopts this resolution to support the Lake Tahoe Wildfire Awareness Campaign theme “Protect Our Home, Prepare for Wildfire” from May to October 2023 as a means for education and a call for residents of the Lake Tahoe Region to work together to be ready for wildfire.

Passed and adopted this 24th day of May 2023, by the Governing Board of the Tahoe Regional Planning Agency, by the following vote:

Ayes:
Nays:
Abstain:
Absent:

Cindy Gustafson, Chair
Tahoe Regional Planning Agency
Governing Board